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"WHEN IT WAS YET DARK"

St. John 20:1

We, who are shut in, are liable to acquire a sense of self pity and often forget that there are many others who are going through the same if not more tragic experiences all over the world. We must realize, that sorrow, despair; hunger and death are nothing but universal facts today, people out in the battlefields; people in training for destruction, killed wounded, every minute of the day. It is no wonder that thinking people cannot help but wonder whether our civilization is going forward or backward.

Old Testament tells us the experience of Jacob meeting an unknown monster in darkness, and how he wrestled with him in order to find out whether or not it was a sinister power or the angel of God, Himself.

Again, today we find ourselves in this bewildering darkness, trying to see what it is that is on our way to the betterment of the world. One of the contemporary thinkers pointed out that we are struggling in our deepest hearts not so much for victory or for a piece of bread, but to see the face of this dark angel, in order to find a meaning of life and to see a perspective; whether we are destined to go back to dust or whether there is something else we can look forward to.

Two thousand years ago, people were going through somewhat similar experiences with that of ours. There was one whose name was Jesus. He was regarded as a fanatic by some people, but most of the people knew and cared little. The very few people that lived with him, who listened to him, found Him as the spring of eternal joy and life. This same Jesus was crucified. His disciples were disappointed and distressed. Many of our people are being killed. Are they being killed for the sins of many? Will they be able to save us? If so, the strife is o'er, the victory of life is won. But, "When it was yet dark, cometh Mary Magdalene into the sepulchre and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre."

The above is a simple story of Easter. It isso simple that people often forget that it was the historical fact. Moreover, it is an Eternal Fact, which is as real today as it was two thousand years ago.

What does Easter mean to us this year?

Let us go to the Sepulchre "where it is yet dark."

safely in camp after a pretty tiresome trup. Its spring but winter is still hanging around in Minnesota. We have had snow for the past three days. Please extend my regards to all my friends..

John Matsuoka, Fenton, Michigan...It has been a long time since I left camp but I've been quite busy gaining experience and what experiences! Fortunately, they were all very pleasant ones. All in all I know the sentiments of the people here are exceptionally good and prospects of relocation is excellent. Believe it or not, I've learned to care for lambs, bundle wool, milk cows and have 1400 chicks to take care of... I've got to work but I enjoy this place.

Sammy Ishibashi, Wooster School, Danbury, Conn....This vacation I am spending at the Wilkins again. The weather out is beautiful. I suppose everything is turning green amid the sage brush. On the first two days of spring it snowed almost steadily, and my thoughts of taking a nice brisk walk were shattered and I found myself shoveling the walks.....Please give my best regards to all.

Miye Hata, St. Louis, Mo.....My school work and daily practicing on the piano and organ seem to take most of my time. School hours begin from 8:00 A. M. until 1:30 P. M. I have Theory class at eight o'clock. Music Literature is a very interesting study. We are tracing down the developments of various musical forms--from the Gregorian period down to the present day... Now I can actually play a number of hymns on the pipe organ using the foot pedal and also the stops!. It's a grand feeling to sit at the mighty organ and play to my hearts content and listen to the music as it rings through the church.

Mary Shiohara, Chicago, Illinois...Michi and Vic stayed with me the two days they were here in Chicago..Mr. Barber was kind enough to let me off work Monday morning so that I could attend the wedding. The wedding

was held in the office of thr Church Federation where I met Fr. Dai. He seems to be kept quite busy...Edith Suzuki calls me up every so often, and we share camp news with each other. Elsie is on the go all the time what with two little children to take care of.

Dolly Matsuoka....This United Christian Ministry to Re settlers, is something new. They have a part time sec retary who will keep office hours, and they are going to get the names of newcomers and find out the churches nearest them and ask the ministers to look them up and personally invite them to their social groups as well as the church. Of course, if the Niseis have a certain denomination they prefer, then they will try to follow up that denomination, etc. I really think that it will help.

VISITORS: Mr. John Okamoto, Miss Ruth Ohashi are visiting on the project. Miss Aiko Kaseguma and Pfc Fred Nagaro are expected this week.

DEPARTURES: Mr. William Torakichi Sato left for Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wisconsin, Mr. Joe Kadoyama to Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Henry Morio and Mr. R. Taniguchi to Chicago, Miss Ruth Hayasaka to Philadelphia and Hideaki Nakamura to Burns, Oregon.

Mrs. Mary Stratte, formerly of Seattle, who had helped at the Church School of St. Peters has been assigned to work at the nurses home, St. Margaret's Hall, Boise Idaho.

Seattleites have send their regards to their many friends here through Mrs. Margaret Peppers who has returned to Hunt, Monday.